

Oral Questions

Mr. Horner:—and I will always make utterances when I think I can help Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE TO CHURCHILL BY RADIO STATION CHFC—CORPORATION POLICY**

Mr. Cecil Smith (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State responsible for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Last night in Churchill, Manitoba, CBC officials held a town meeting with the residents of Churchill and informed them that the radio station CHFC, after 25 years of service, would be discontinued. I wish to ask the minister if this is part of the CBC's accelerated coverage program—now that they have brought in French FM and French TV to northern Manitoba—to phase out an English radio station?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I shall undertake to bring the representation of the hon. member to the CBC and reply forthwith, giving him a full explanation of the factors which led the CBC to make the initial announcement to his constituents last night.

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CUSTOMS**POSSIBILITY OF REFUSING ENTRY TO PORNOGRAPHIC FILMS**

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the fact that the Supreme Court of Canada upheld a decision made by customs officials to refuse entry into Canada of printed pornographic material, can the minister say whether or not there are regulations under which pornographic films can be denied entry to Canada by customs officials similar to those applied to pornographic printed material?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, when the officers of my department ban such a film, they are acting under a tariff item under the Tariff Act.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**POSSIBILITY OF ASKING SENATE TO INVESTIGATE SAFEGUARDS OF NATIVE INTERESTS IN JAMES BAY AGREEMENT**

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can he say whether there have been any discussions with the government leaders in the Senate to ask them to take a sober second look at the ratification of the James Bay Agreement in light of the recent developments in Quebec and

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in light of the recent statements by Chief Delisle who is now concerned about the safeguards that have been built into the agreement by the federal government protecting the interests of the native people signatory to the agreement?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I did not ask the Senate to give any sober second look to Bill C-9. As a matter of fact, I asked the leader of the Senate to pass the bill quickly, and so have the Indians. I do not think the hon. member interprets Chief Delisle correctly. I saw Chief Delisle this morning and he never expressed those views to me.

CONFLICT BETWEEN QUEBEC LANGUAGE CHARTER AND JAMES BAY AGREEMENT—TEST OF CONSTITUTIONALITY OF QUEBEC BILL

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, Chief Delisle made of course a number of public statements. He is concerned about the recent legislative proposals in the province of Quebec and he is concerned at the prospect—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Does the hon. member have a supplementary question?

Mr. Oberle: Can the minister tell the House whether he will cause an investigation to be carried out of the validity and the legality of the agreement and of the bill which will offend the agreement, a bill which is proposed in the Quebec legislature at this time?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): The hon. member is correct. Chief Delisle is concerned about Bill I and its effects with respect to the Indian people in Quebec. As I said in answer to an earlier question, I have requested a legal opinion on that bill and its relationship to the James Bay settlement. As soon as I get the legal opinion, I will make it known to the House.

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AIRPORTS**REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AT ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE AND GASPÉ—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Albert Béchar (Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport.

Following the recent meeting of Department of Transport officials with public representatives for the Îles-de-la-Madeleine and Gaspé areas, to iron out the last minute details concerning the necessary and urgent improvements—considered as a priority by the minister himself—to the Îles-de-la-Madeleine and Gaspé airports, could the minister advise the House whether he will soon make an announcement concerning the calls for tenders for the work which has been delayed too long already and which should start before the first snow, to use the expression conned by my colleague the hon. member for Madawaska-Victoria a while ago?